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Manager's Message

You likely have heard that most automakers are transitioning many or all of their new vehicles to electric-only models within the next 10 years. Regardless of the type of car you drive today, the electrification of the transportation sector is underway.

Midstate Electric Cooperative must plan to have the necessary electric infrastructure to meet future EV charging demand without jeopardizing the ability to provide you with affordable and reliable electricity.

I want to answer your frequently asked EV questions and invite you to Midstate's EV Tailgate on Friday, September 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Village at Sunriver. Learn about our EV programs, check out the EV displays and speak directly with EV owners about their real-world experiences. I hope to see you there.

Why is the co-op communicating about EVs? We provide information and candid assessments about EV charging and electrical requirements to our members so you can make informed decisions about EVs. We also want to educate our membership about Midstate's EV programs, including the opportunity to receive a charger at little or no cost through our partnership with the cooperative-owned network chargeEV.

Why does the co-op have EVs? We have EVs in our fleet to help raise awareness and promote understanding of EV technologies. We also provide educational tools about EVs on our website and bring our EV to community events so members can ask questions and form their own opinions.

Why is the co-op involved in EV infrastructure issues? All electric utilities are planning now to ensure they have the necessary electric infrastructure in place to meet future needs. As your local energy provider, Midstate is best suited to advise and help members and local businesses

plan for the electric vehicle future.

Can I charge my EV using an existing outlet, or do I need a special outlet? All EVs come with a 110-volt-compatible Level 1 charging unit, which can be plugged into any standard household outlet. This enables traveling around 36 to 40 miles a day for an eight-hour overnight charge.

A Level 2 charger takes about half the time and provides about 180 miles of range. Midstate currently offers members with vehicles registered in our territory a free Level 2 charger. We can collect data from these chargers that allows us to design new EV programs in the future.

What kind of incentives are available for EVs? Beyond Midstate's offer of a free Level 2 charger, there are a variety of tax credits, rebates and other incentives available for EV purchases. Visit www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/electric-vehicles-for-tax-credit to learn about federal incentives available through the Clean Vehicle Credit program.

Should I let MEC know if I buy an EV?

If you buy an EV, let us know first so we can better serve you. As more MEC members buy EVs, it's helpful to know where they are so we can ensure we have the necessary infrastructure in place to meet charging needs.

We understand making the switch to an EV is a big decision. Whether you're ready to make an EV purchase or wondering if an EV can meet your daily driving needs, we're here to help you make an informed decision. Call us at 541-536-2126, option 5.

CEO/General Manager Jim Anderson

"In order to succeed, you must know what you are doing, like what you are doing and believe in what you are doing."

—Will Rogers